

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1114

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to commend Shelvy Linville for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Macon County, especially during the 2008 tornadoes.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Shelvy Linville, County Mayor of Macon County, is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as County Mayor, Shelvy Linville has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, since his election in 2006, Mayor Linville, a former banker, has rendered uniformly sterling service, but has performed far beyond the call of duty in the aftermath of the tornadoes that struck Macon County recently; and

WHEREAS, evincing his great leadership acumen and unswerving commitment to serving the best interests of the good people of Macon County, Mayor Shelvy Linville acted with great bravery and fortitude in response to the devastating tornadoes that struck his county on February 5, 2008, killing fourteen people and destroying 300 homes; and

WHEREAS, although his own home was damaged by the storms, Mayor Linville has devoted his time to leading and assisting others in this time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Shelvy Linville, with assistance from the Tennessee Department of Transportation and the Lafayette National Guard, valiantly directed recovery efforts and continues to assist the citizens of Macon County as they resume their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Linville's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Shelvy Linville is an extremely giving person who has reached out with compassion to people whom life has dealt a devastating blow, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mayor Linville is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Gwen Linville, the Clerk and Master for Macon County; his son, Barry; his granddaughters, Tara Litchford, who is married to Justin, and Kayla Carver, who is married to Jordan, and his great grandson, Clayton; he is also appreciative of the years he spent with his daughter, Bridget, who passed away much too soon; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Shelvy Linville is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Shelvy Linville for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Macon County, especially during such a time of crisis as the 2008 tornadoes, as we salute his commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.